Calamba massacre suspect killed

By Nino Catherine Calleja
Inquirer Southern Luzon

CALAMBA CITY—THE LONE GUNMAN who police said massacred eight villagers, including five children, in a night of terror in Barangay Horadan was gunned down by government agents yesterday—a few dozen meters from where the bodies of his victims lay in simple, wooden coffins.

Bernadie Fiesta, 29, lay dead on muddy ground with an empty M-16 rifle

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Man pulled out alive under debris 8 days after China quake

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Bus, jeepney fare hikes finally take effect today

By Christine O. Avendaño
and Riza T. Olchondra

BARRING ANYMORE FLIP-FLOPPING by transportation officials, the new fare increases for jeepneys and buses in Metro Manila and in Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog will finally take effect starting today.

BUS, JEEPNEY/A10

GMA Solomonic decision

'Ka Bel' dies in fall while repairing roof



THE FALL In the garage, Beltran's wife Rosa talks about the killer fall from the 14-foot-high roof on Tuesday at the family home in Francisco Homes III in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan. Nearby stands the ladder that brought the labor icon up to his death.



VINTAGE KA BEL Clenched fist, set jaw, unflinching gaze, red hot determination

By Volt Contreras,
Norman Bordadora
and Ephraim Aguilar

ANAKPAWIS REP. CRISPIN Beltran bolted the Marcos prisons, emerged bloodied from many a street demonstration, and, even in his advanced years, continued to fight the government and face threats of arrest.

From joining a taxi drivers' union in the 1950s and leading campaigns for higher wages across five administrations, to becoming a three-term lawmaker representing militant labor, Beltran cut an unflinching, if gaunt, figure.

But "Ka Bel" also took those battles home and turned his otherwise private struggles amid the rising costs of living into an extension of his lifelong protest against the system.

His sudden death yesterday at 75 after an accident at 8 a.m. at the family home, a barely finished bungalow whose roof needed repair in time for the

KA BEL/A21



A CONGRESSMAN LIVES HERE! He came to the House of Representatives for the first time directly from a P50,000 house in a depressed area in Barangay Commonwealth, QC eight years ago. He died in a barely finished a one-bedroom bungalow that he bought with a P400,000 GSIS loan. It has a sari-sari store up front. As of Dec. 31, 2007, Beltran declared his net worth at P50,000.

She orders Neda to step into GSIS, Meralco fight

By Christine O. Avendaño

PANGLAO, BOHOL—IT HAD, by all accounts, the trappings of a brawl that riveted President Macapagal-Arroyo. But there was no winner, yet, and no one was allowed to bully the other.

In the end, Ms Arroyo yesterday ordered her economic managers to look into the fight over high power rates between Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), said Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita.

The managers headed by representatives of the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) were directed to recommend to President Arroyo "how to push forward" a resolution of the controversy between Meralco and GSIS and measures to bring down power costs.

The "Solomonic decision" of Ms Arroyo prevailed: "Throw the matter to the Neda core group so that they can come up with a position to be recommended to us," according to Ermita.

Winston Garcia, GSIS president and general manager, is spearheading a move to wrest control of Meralco from the Lopezes in what critics said was a continuing move by the Arroyo administration to silence the Lopez-owned ABS-CBN radio-television network that has been critical of the President.

The directive was issued during a four-hour Cabinet meeting here where Meralco executives and Garcia presented their respective sides, according to Ermita.

The meeting also saw former Neda Director General and now Commis-

GMA SOLOMONIC/A20

He listed as assets 2 barong, shirt, eyeglasses

By Norman Bordadora
and Nancy Carvajal

IN A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES filled with multimillionaires, Anakpawis Rep. Crispin "Ka Bel" Beltran died yesterday the poorest of them all, the summary of statements of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN) of House members showed.

As of Dec. 31, 2007, Beltran had a declared net worth of only P50,000 with assets of P110,000 and liabilities of P60,000. He was least in the House in terms of net worth, placing last among 238 members.

The document was prepared and signed by lawyer Ricardo Bering, director of the House records management service. It was certified correct by Jose Ma. Antonio Tuano, executive director of the House administrative management bureau.

A copy of Beltran's SALN received by the House of Representatives on Aug. 1, 2007 showed that his net worth amounted to P22,750.

He declared as his only real asset his home in Barangay Commonwealth, QC, Quezon City worth P50,000 which he acquired in 1978.

Instead of appliances and jewelry, he declared as personal assets his two barong tagalog, a pair of eye glasses, cabinet shelves and shirts. Together, he said, they amounted to P14,750.

Beltran declared as his liability the remaining bills from his lengthy "hospital arrest" at the Philippine Heart

HE LISTED/A21

Whistle-blowers association brand senators ingrates

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE WHISTLE-BLOWERS ASSOCIATION is blowing hot.

A group of former and current Senate witnesses yesterday said the plan of certain senators to hold back on the chamber's security support for whistle-blowers was an act of "ingratitude."

But Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. is determined to run a fine-tooth comb through the P2 million in expenses purportedly incurred by the chamber in providing security to National Broadband Network (NBN) witnesses Rodolfo "Jun" Lozada and Dante Madriaga.

Working on the basis of Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile's expressed concern about the security expenses of Lozada and Madriaga, Pimentel called for an investigation of the Senate committee on accounts, saying its members "owe us a lot of explanation."

But in a statement, Sandra Cam, spokesperson of the Whistle-blowers' Association, said Enrile's concern was "misplaced, considering the risks the two witnesses are facing not only for themselves and their families but,

WHISTLE-BLOWERS/A21



Sisters act: Jun Lozada's 'bodyguards' staying put

By Leila B. Salaverria
and Jeannette I. Andrade

NO, THEY WON'T BACK OFF.

The nuns guarding Rodolfo "Jun" Lozada are not about to abandon him even if the Senate decides to withdraw his security detail.

But the Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines (AMRSP) acknowl-

SISTERS/A21

Cordillera watersheds in grave peril

By Delmar Cariño
Inquirer Northern Luzon

(First of two parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—WATERSHEDS in the Cordillera are courting an environmental disaster and the government is being urged to launch a major rescue operation to stop the further decline in the region's forest cover and water resources.

Forest fires, timber poaching and the conversion of forest lands to agriculture areas has been eating up an average of 1,735 hectares yearly as of 2006, said Samuel Peñafiel, regional director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

"The situation is critical since even mossy forests have not been spared," he said.

The National Irrigation Administration (NIA) is also panicking because the region's four major river systems—

CORDILLERA/A11



WHY PAPA IS GOING TO WAR A Marine isn't wasting this last-minute chance to bond with his son before sailing for Basilan on Tuesday at Navy headquarters on Roxas Boulevard. The send-off rites coincide with the 110th anniversary of the Philippine Navy. Military forces warn of more bomb attacks in Basilan by a group of "bombers-for-hire" trained by Islamic militants on Tuesday, a day after a crude bomb wounded six people at a bus terminal.

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Japan to send rice relief to RP

Emergency export part of Tokyo's grains stockpile

JAPAN PLANS TO SEND 200,000 metric tons of rice from its stockpile of imported rice as emergency exports to the Philippines, the Kyodo News agency reported from Tokyo on Monday.

Expected approval of relief plan

Crisis can't be solved easily

AP with Jerome Aning

NBI to probe rice traders, NFA men

By Tina G. Santos

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF Investigation is looking into the alleged connivance between provincial officials of the National Food Authority (NFA) and big commercial rice traders in the diversion of government rice.

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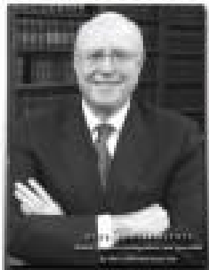
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Convert Meralco refund to shares, Loren proposes

'Win-win option'

Still a refund



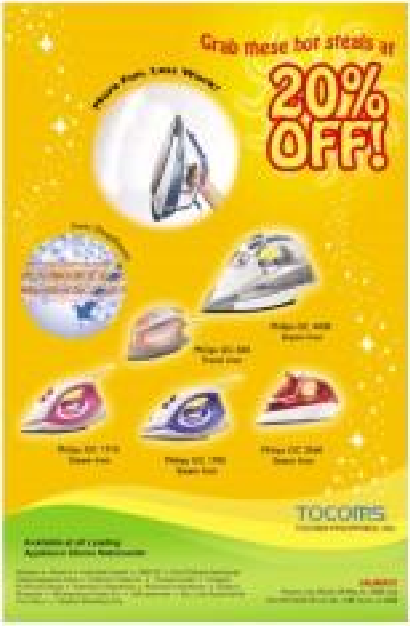
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WALANG MAISAING, WALANG MAKAIN

Limampu't tatlong (53) sako ng bigas, o sapat na kanin para sa isang pamilyang Pilipino sa loob ng **tatlo't-kalahating taon!**

Iyan ang nawawala sa bawat isa sa apat na milyong customer ng MERALCO kung tutumbasan ng bigas ang **96.3 Bilyong Piso** na, ayon kay Rep. Luis Villafuerte, ay ikinarga na at ikakarga pa ng Meralco sa electric bills ng mga naghihirap na Pilipino.

Kwentahin po natin:

	P96.3	**Bilyong Piso**	**5.28**	**bilyong kilo**
÷	**P18.25**	**presyo ng NFA rice kada kilo ▸▸▸▸**	**÷ 4.0**	**milyon Meralco customers**
	5.28	**bilyong kilo ng bigas**	**1,320**	**kilo o 53 sako ng bigas kada Meralco customer**

Bibigyang-diin natin! Iyan ay **53 sako ng bigas** na **HINDI NAISASAING** at **HINDI NAIPAPAKAIN** ng bawat Meralco customer sa kanyang pamilya dahil sa overcharging ng Meralco!

Ano po ba ang breakdown ng **P96.3 bilyon** ayon sa Villafuerte exposé sa House of Representatives noong May 14, 2008?

P44.3 bilyon na naikarga na sa ating electric bills

- **P13 Bilyon** – Ibinayad ng Lopez-controlled Meralco sa Lopez-owned First Gas para sa 1,000 megawatt ng kuryente, gayung may 300 megawatt capacity lang ang Sta. Rita plant ng First Gas sa panahon ng "bentahan."
- **P30 Bilyon** – Halaga ng income tax ng Meralco na nabuking ng Commission on Audit at ng Supreme Court** na ikinarga sa electric bills ng Meralco customers mula 1994 hanggang 2002.
- **P827 Milyon** – Ilegal na idinagdag ng Meralco noong 2003 sa singil ng kuryente na ipinarefund ng SC*** noong Feb. 2, 2006.
- Humigit-kumulang **P500 Milyon** – Halaga ng pansariling konsumo ng Meralco (72 million kWh) noong 2007 na ipinasa rin ng Meralco sa customers nito.

P52 Bilyon na nais pang ikarga ng Meralco sa atin

Ang **52 bilyong piso** ay **utang ng Meralco** sa National Power Corporation (Napocor), na nag-ugat nang walang pakundangang ibinasura ng Meralco ang kontrata nito sa Napocor para makabili ng kuryente sa independent power producers (IPPs) na pag-aari rin ng mga Lopez tulad ng First Gas.

Alam mo ba, bayan, na ang Meralco ay nagpetisyon sa Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) noong 2003 para ikarga rin sa atin ang utang nito sa Napocor?

<u>Tuliro ka na, bayan? Kapit at heto pa!</u>

Under oath ay inamin ng Meralco sa JCPC hearing na 72 million kWh ng konsumo nito ang ikinarga sa electric bills natin noong 2007. Noong 2005 ay 133.6 million kWh at noong 2006 ay 81.6 million kWh ang konsumo ng Meralco na ang naghihirap na si Juan dela Cruz rin ang nagbayad.

Pero di lang yan. Bakit sa record ng ERC ay 77 million kWh ang konsumo ng Meralco noong 2007, taliwas sa pahayag ng Meralco sa JCPC hearing na 72 million kWh lang ito?

Di ba't ang mga opisyal ng Meralco, sa pangunguna ng pangulo nitong si Jesus Francisco, ay nanumpa sa JCPC na magsasabi ng totoo? O, e bakit di tugma ang JCPC statement ni Francisco at ang record ng ERC?

<u>AT HETO PA!</u>

Bakit noon pang 2004 ipinagbawal ang paniningil ng Meralco ng deposito para sa electric meters, ngunit bakit hanggang ngayon ay hindi pa nire-refund ng Meralco ang **21.4 Bilyong Piso** na meter deposits natin?

Bakit di pa rin nire-refund sa atin ng Meralco ang **14.4 bilyong piso** na kulang nito sa **30 bilyong piso** na refund na iniutos ng SC?

Alam ba ninyo na bukod sa **53 sako ng bigas** mula sa **96.3 bilyong piso** ay makabibili rin dapat ang bawat Meralco customer ng karagdagang **19.6 na sako ng bigas** kung susumahin ang **21 bilyong piso** at **14.4 bilyong piso?**

Karagdagang **19.6 sako ng bigas** iyan na pagkain ng isang pamilya sa loob ng **isang taon at kalahati**. Pagkain na, muli, ay **HINDI NAIPAPAKAIN** ng bawat Meralco customer sa kanyang pamilya.

KONSUMO NG MERALCO, SAGOT <u>NATIN!</u>
UTANG NG MERALCO SA NAPOCOR, SAGOT RIN <u>NATIN!</u>
BILYUN-BILYONG PISONG REFUND NATIN, SAGOT PA RIN <u>NATIN?!</u>

IBABA SINGIL SA KURYENTE! LOPEZES SA MERALCO, PALITAN!

*25-kilo rice sack ** SC (Republic of the Philippines vs Meralco, GR No. 141369) ***SC (Nasecore vs Meralco, ERC, GR No. 163935)

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Lawyer's fee in sea tragedy revolting, says CA

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE COURT OF Appeals found a Makati trial court decision allowing a lawyer to secretly withdraw a huge attorney's fee even behind his clients, the victims of a sea tragedy, received their own compensation as "revolting" that its ruling smacked like a [illegible] on professional ethics.

"The practice of law is a profession and not a money making trade," the Court of Appeals said, reversing a decision of Makati Judge Rebecca Mariano that gave Marisa Rubia, the former lawyer of the victims of the MV Carmela sea tragedy, legal permission to collect from the ship owner [illegible] of the P6-million attorney's fee for brokering a P48 million compensation agreement between the victims and the shipping line.

Rubia—who has since become a judge in Laguna—had sought the court order for the segregation of 30 percent of any collected amount to be given to her as partial payment for attorney's fees, as well as to compel the shipping line to release half of the P6 million deposited funds as partial payment.

Now a judge

It also appears that the huge fee and its manner of payment was negotiated with the shipping line without the knowledge of his client, the 166-member MV Carmela Movement Inc. (MCMI).

Rubia has since become a judge in Laguna.

More than 100 people are believed to have died when the MV Carmela caught fire off the coast of Quezon province in 2002.

The appellate court said the P6 million fee itself was "excessive and unconscionable."

It found "most revolting to judicial sensibility" the "undue haste" of the Makati court in granting Rubia's request, disregarding the fact that the shipping line had not complied fully with its obligations to the victims.

Members of the MCMI eventually got wind of Mariano's court order and contested it.

The Appellate court ordered Mariano to conduct further proceedings to ensure a "more equitable and fair distribution" of the compensation money and to determine a more "reasonable attorney's fee."

In its May 9 decision written by Justice Martin Villarama Jr., the appellate court said lawyers should not take advantage over their clients when it comes to compensation, especially if the latter are poor.

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11 horses held in Subic; bribery attempt bared

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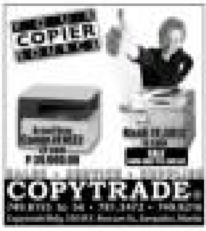
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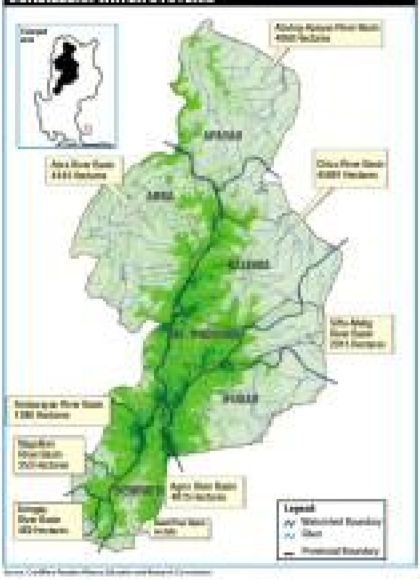






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Laguna massacre suspect killed

Garcia accuses Lopezes of engaging in 'dirty tricks'



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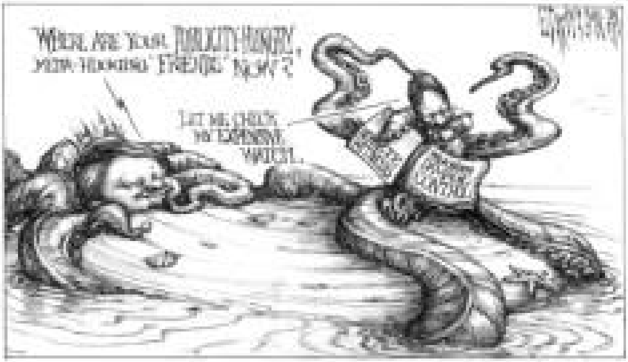
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A human revolver

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THE ROMAN HISTORIAN TACITUS QUOTED Calgacus of the Caledonians exhorting his tribe to resist foreign, that is, Roman, conquest: "Robbery, butchery, rapine, they call empire by euphemisms, and where they produce a wasteland, they call it peace." The Americans named the Colt model 1873 revolver "the peacemaker" ...



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Prayers, fireworks for Scarlet, 3 friends



RELATIVES and friends after prayers for murdered FHM model Scarlet Garcia and her three friends in front of her townhouse in Olongapo City.

'Cosme' toll in Pangasinan now 28

DAGUPAN CITY—THE death toll from the onslaught of storm "Cosme" almost doubled after more reports of typhoon-related deaths were received from different towns and cities of Pangasinan, reports from the provincial disaster coordinating council (PDCC) showed.



Power outages

Power restoration

Baguio under calamity state

Abra folk ask gov't to pay for bombed farms

NPA rebs kill 2 more village execs in N. Cotabato, Compostela Valley

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MMDA starts implementation of Organized Bus Route scheme

PASSENGER BUSES WITHOUT MICROCHIP IDENTIFICAtion tags are no longer allowed on Edsa as part of the Metro Manila Development Authority's Organized Bus Route (OBR) system.

QC cops kill suspected car thief



BEST BUDDIES

2 more suspected 'hulidap' cops identified

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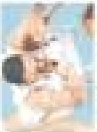
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Beijing 2008



DONDON Hontiveros of Magnolia eludes the defense of Purefoods' Jondan Salvador. The Beverage Masters defeated the Giants, 88-83, last Friday and will face separate foes today.

Pals target solo lead

Take on Giants; Magnolia, Air21 break tie

TALK 'N TEXT GUNS FOR THE SOLO LEADERSHIP EVEN AS Magnolia and Air21 break a three-way jam in the middle of the standings today in the Smart-PBA Fiesta Conference at the Ynares Center in Antipolo City.

Harbour Centre, Hapee start crown duel

GAME TODAY (Batangas City Sports Complex)
4 p.m. — Harbour Centre vs Hapee Toothpaste
(Game 1 of best-of-five Finals)

By Jasmine W. Payo

THEY'VE BEEN THE BEST THROUGHOUT the season.

And for the second straight PBL conference, Harbour Centre and Hapee Toothpaste battle in an unpredictable championship showdown to be the last team standing.

"It's harder to be sure what will happen in the series," said Hapee coach Louie Alas. "I think if our players off the bench will deliver, we have a good chance of winning the series."

Ranged against the taller Complete Protectors, coach Jorge Gallent hopes to capitalize on the Batang Pier's speed.

"If we just play aggressive, I think we'll win the ball game and the series," said Gallent.

With [illegible] two of the league's best talents, Harbour Centre and Hapee kick off their title quest in Game 1 of the best-of-five Lipovitan Amino Sports Cup Finals series at 4 p.m. today at the Batangas City Sports Complex.

"Throughout the conference, they've been No. 2 and we're just a little better than them at No. 1," said Gallent. "We beat them in the first round (of elimination), but they beat us in the second. So it's just even."

The Batang Pier drew first blood in this tournament, routing their foes, 88-60, during the first elimination round. But the Complete Protectors leveled the matchup via an 86-75 decision in the second round.

The Batang Pier will shoot for an unprecedented fifth straight crown behind two-time Most Valuable Player Jason Castro, TY Tang, Solomon Mercado and Chad Alonzo.

"There's still pressure even if it's our fifth time," said Gallent.

Last conference, the Batang Pier clinched a dramatic overtime win against the Complete Protectors in the Finals decider to become the first team in league history to capture four straight championships.

The Complete Protectors, powered by the versatile quartet of Jake Norwood, Mark Borboran, Larry Rodriguez and Reed Juntilla, have also put last conference's debacle behind them.

"We have a good chance," said the 6-foot-5 Norwood, who was accompanied by Borboran, Francis Mercado and the injured Jerry Cruz in yesterday's PBL Forum at Shakey's UN Avenue.

"I do hope he'll (Cruz) be able to play soon so he can be with us in the finals," said Alas.



FOR THE second straight conference, Harbour Centre's Rico Maierhofer (right) and the rest of the Batang Pier will shoot for a crown against Mark Borboran (left) and the rest of the Hapee Complete Protectors.

Batang Pier guards lead PBL mythical second team

TWO HARBOUR CENTRE GUARDS HOPE to ride on the momentum of their individual triumphs after landing the first set of winners in the PBL Commissioner's Awards.

Fil-Am Solomon Mercado and TY Tang were named to the Second Mythical Team during the awarding ceremony at yesterday's PBL Forum, just a day before Batang Pier plunge into a second straight championship series against Hapee Toothpaste.

"We're ready," said Tang, last conference's Finals Most Valuable Player. "But we have to stay aggressive and focused against Hapee."

Tang averaged 8.8 points, 5.8 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game, while Mercado, last year's Pivotal Player winner, normed 8.0 markers, 2.1 boards and 2.5 assists.

Rounding up the Second Mythical Team are the San Mig Coffee pair of Reuben Gonzalo (14.2 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 1.4 apg) and Nell Rañeses (14.7 ppg, 6.9 rpg), and Hapee's Jerry Cruz (11.1 ppg, 6.4 rpg).

Burger King's Khiel Elma, who registered 1.5 steals per game, clinched the Defensive Stopper plum.

Two Toyota Otis cagers also earned honors with forward Chito Jaime bagging the Quantum Leap award for his improved performance and guard Chris Villanueva securing the Academic All-Star citation for completing a double degree in psychology and education at De La Salle University.

Other special awards will be announced in Game 1 of the Lipovitan Amino Sports Cup Finals at 4 p.m. today. The main awards, including the Most Valuable Player trophy, will be awarded in the next two games of the Finals. — Jasmine W. Payo

Swimmers' parents want Pasa chief Joseph's head

Pacquiao, Diaz hold pep rally in Chicago

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Gonzales seizes solo lead





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NEW Orleans Hornets' Tyson Chandler dunks on San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker in Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals.

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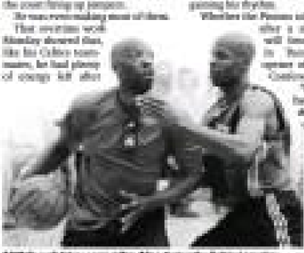
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East battle: Celtics all fired up vs Pistons

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Sam Cassell drives against Ray Allen during the Celtics' practice.

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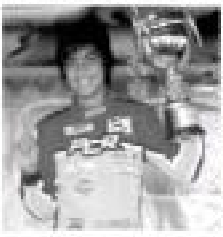
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QUEZON PROVINCE AND BAGUIO [illegible]



TOP NOVICE [illegible]

Meralco, Canlubang teams close in on semifinal seats

MERALCO AND CANLUBANG [illegible]

SPORTS

Shoulder injury ousts Roddick from Paris



RODDICK [illegible] against Stanislas Wawrinka at the Rome Masters on May 10. AP

DUSSELDORF, Germany—Andy Roddick withdrew from the French Open on Monday because of a right shoulder injury and hopes to be ready for Wimbledon.

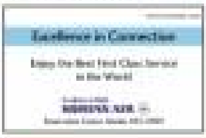
The sixth-ranked American, who lost in the first round at Roland Garros the last two years, retired from the semifinals of the Rome Masters on May 10.

He skipped the Hamburg Masters last week, but had been expected to play this week at the World Team Cup in Dusseldorf.

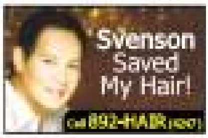
"Andy is pulling out with an upper-back shoulder injury, the same thing that he had in Rome," said John Roddick, Andy's brother and the U.S. captain at the World Team Cup. "He's pulling out of here and he's also going to miss the French Open, too."

John said he hoped his brother would be ready for the grass-court tournament at Queen's Club, a key warmup for Wimbledon.

"Andy had an MRI and there's some inflammation so he pulled him from here and the French," John said. AP



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Record oil drags down peso to 43:$1

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PESO YESTERDAY WEAKENED TO 43 AGAINST THE US dollar due to jitters over record global oil prices.

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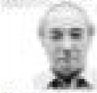
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BUSINESS

Farmers to receive 50 kilos of fertilizer each from gov't

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE plans to give farmers a 50-kilogram bag each of urea fertilizer this coming wet season.

According to Dionisio Gloria, executive director of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority, the move would provide some relief to farmers struggling to cope with the rising costs of inputs, which include transport, planting materials and fertilizer.

Due to the increase in the price of petroleum products, a bag of urea fertilizer now sells for about P1,300, nearly double the selling price last year of P900. NPK fertilizer, on the other hand, sells for P1,050 a bag, and muriate of potash (MOP) fertilizer, P1,000 a bag.

A hectare of land needs six to seven bags of fertilizers—ideally, two bags of urea, four bags of NPK and a bag of MOP to ensure that crops get the needed nutrients.

"The world market for fertilizer is uncertain. Prices are likely to increase as demand for fertilizer also increases, given the expansion of planting for rice and biofuel feedstock, which includes corn and sugarcane," Gloria said.

Gloria said he expected the guidelines and the fund sources to be firmed up in time for the planting for the wet season.

Government earlier pledged to set aside P3 billion from their internal revenue allotment to help boost the country's food production and rice self-sufficiency. *Amy R. Remo*



DA eyes alternative areas for vegetables

New farms far from typhoon path sought

By Amy R. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE is developing alternative planting sites in Central and Southern Luzon to ensure the steady supply of vegetables amid the onset of the rainy season.

According to the DA, about 80 percent of the vegetable supply of Metro Manila comes from Northern Luzon, which is among the regions frequently hit by typhoons.

For this year, the DA said the Philippines might be hit by at least 20 tropical storms, as predicted by the local weather bureau.

Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap said the DA had started developing areas in Regions IV and VII (Southern Luzon) as well as Central Luzon as possible alternative sites for production of off-season vegetables to guarantee the steady supply of the produce to Metro Manila.

Yap said that while the typhoons might cause temporary delivery disruptions from the provinces to Metro Manila, there should not be a cause for artificial increases in prices.

"Price movements can be expected when tropical storms hit these regions. But vegetable supply remains stable at present as there is no reason for prices to go up too high in retail markets," he said.

"Although there may be disruptions in delivery of one to two days due to the clearing of roads after the typhoons, this should not be used by retailers as an opportunity to jack up their prices. That's already profiteering on their part," Yap added.

Also, the DA has assured the public of sufficient rice stocks even as the country heads for the July-September period—the traditional lean months for palay as well as the onset of the rainy season.

The DA earlier reported that summer harvests were likely to reach more than 7 million metric tons, higher than the 6.7 million MT recorded in the same period last year.

To further ensure a comfortable 30-day buffer stock for rice for the second half of the year, Yap said the country would continue aggressively securing rice stocks through alternative modes of procurement.

This is needed, Yap had said, to prepare for the rainy season, which is expected to usher in destructive typhoons that frequently ravage rice paddies and diminish local supplies.

"We must still have an eye for the worst possible case that can happen," he added.

As of end April, the Philippines, the world's biggest rice importer, had already contracted 1.713 million MT of rice from Vietnam, Thailand, Pakistan and the United States, out of the 2.1 million MT it had sought to buy.

The contracted volume is reportedly enough to fill in the "critical" rice volume shortfall of 1.6 million–1.7 million MT.



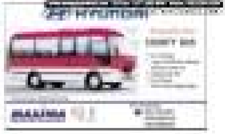




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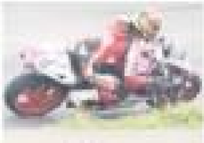
Superbiker scoots to where the fuel savings are

By Tessa R. Salazar

RATTLED BY MALE SUPERbike racers she isn't. The only female superbike racer in the Philippines even flaunts the slogan "I Don't Need Balls to Race a Fast Bike." But a more menacing adversary has forced her to change her riding lifestyle just a bit. That adversary is called the fuel price hike.

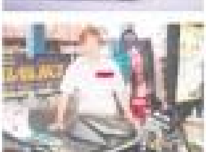
Love-Love Tengdoy Tesoro, 27, is feeling the fuel pinch, and like [illegible] for big bikes has been using a smaller version of the vehicle she has learned to ride so fearlessly fast to become more fuel-efficient in her day job.

The 5' 5" motorbiker takes on jobs that would require her to use the road more often. And consequently, that would make her use more fuel than most. She's a freelance television host, events emcee, road safety instructor, a dealer of [illegible] motorcycle batteries and delivery girl of [illegible] insurance (third party liability) TPL policies.









More expensive

"Fuel prices have been getting more expensive every week. I have been using my scooter more often than my Ducati for obvious reasons. My scooter has a 50-cc engine which does 50 to 60 km to a liter unlike my Ducati which has a 916 cc engine consuming almost the same as 1,300 cc to 1,600 cc car engines, doing 8 to 15 km per liter depending on traffic conditions," she tells Inquirer Motoring.

"Depending on the weather and the traffic, I usually use my scooter. The profit I make doesn't get consumed (by fuel costs) compared to delivering via car," she says with a laugh.

She sometimes delivers her goods in her 1995 Mitsubishi Lancer GLXi. Her P500 gas allowance is consumed within a day's city driving. Her 50-cc scooter, which gets filled up by just three liters (about P150), could last her a week, but then she has to sacrifice the comfort and relative safety of a car for fuel savings.

Racer

Love-Love has competed in local and international races such as the 2003 national races leading to [illegible] Race Circuit in Malaysia. Seven years ago, she won third place at the BRC National Grand Prix Super Bike 3-Hour Endurance Race.

She says, however, that her biggest award is not the races in BRC but meeting world racers and trying out the international racing circuits abroad.

Love-love is the daughter of [illegible] Tengdoy Tesoro of Angeles City, Pampanga and [illegible] Tengdoy of Pampanga and La Union. [illegible] (she also an avid motorcyclist traveling cross-country with her BMW R-50 and R-60-5. Dana, for her part, was a V-8 muscle car and Vespa scooter drag racer during her college days. Love-love reveals with a laugh that her parents eloped on a bike three times.

It took a while before she got her parents' blessings for her to ride fast cars/big bikes. Even then, Love-Love recounts how her parents raised her dedication so they made her pay for her own motorbikes.

Fun, fun

Love-love, who says she is currently single ("available" was how she called it) is not all motorbikes, though.

She also owns a 2007 Mitsubishi Eclipse 3.8 GT V6, a 1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse 2.0 GST, a 1995 Mitsubishi Lancer GLXi and a Sterling sports car (wondering what a Sterling looks like? Just visit www.[illegible] or watch the movie "Cannonball Run" to get an idea).

One of her newest "darlings" is a 1995 Suzuki [illegible] Sports Sedan. She likened a Ducati bike to a Ferrari sports car.

Her past motorbikes were a 1999 Honda [illegible], a 1995 Honda CBR-900-RR Fireblade, 2001 Suzuki GSX-1300-R Hayabusa, 2001 Suzuki TL-1000-R, 2002 Suzuki GSXR-600 and a 2002 Ducati 996-R.

Her inspirations: former Aprilia racer Noriyuki Haga, Moto GP and SBK Racers.

Before she became fuel-conscious, she had been a safety rider advocate.

Guidelines

Here are a few of her guidelines for motorists and motorcyclists alike:

- Race on the racetrack not on the roads.
- Practice discipline, respect and courtesy.
- Illegal races and show-off road stunts are for posers.
- Wear proper and complete safety gears.
- Always have emergency contact numbers with you.
- Abusive motorists are a bunch of losers.
- When you plan a trip include in your plan to give yourself and your vehicle an overall checkup.
- If possible, always have a companion with you while you travel.
- Read safety news lines.

And maybe Love-love can add another tip to that list: In the light of skyrocketing gas prices, use the road only when absolutely necessary (well, delivering bike batteries and TPL policies included).



LOVE-LOVE is still the only female superbike racer in the Philippines (she also competed on the racetrack in 2001.



HER biggest award is not the races in BRC but meeting the world champion racers and trying out the international racing circuits abroad.



LOVE-LOVE with her Ducati 916-cc superbike

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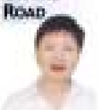
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62-day endurance ride to teach safety and responsible motorcycle riding



Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

FOR 62 DAYS the Suzuki Endurance Run will prove how tough its motorcycles are in varied road conditions and weather.

MOTORCYCLES MAY seem to be a dangerous form of transport in this part of the world. But despite the frequent deaths and injuries involving them, these two-wheeled rides are still the country's most popular, constituting almost half of the total registered motor vehicles nationwide.

"But whether you ride a rickety 20-year-old motorbike or a sparkling new 1,000 cc sportsbike, arriving fast and safely to your destination still depends on how disciplined you ride (use of safety gears and obeying traffic rules) and how respectful you are with other motorists (road courtesy)," explained Kiyoshi Kawabata, president of Suzuki Philippines.

According to him, this is one of the reasons Suzuki Philippines has been conducting its endurance run for the past five years.

"We go around the Philippines not just to promote our current and new motorcycle models. As our riders visit cities and towns, we show the people around how to ride with discipline and that wearing safety gears is not only safe but could also be a [illegible] fashion statement," Kawabata said.



FOR THE PAST five years, the Suzuki Endurance Run has not only featured its current and latest models but also safety and responsible motorcycle riding.

Three months

With the endurance run lasting three months (April 28 to June 28), the event is scheduled to stop by almost 70 cities and municipalities from as far as Tuguegarao City (Cagayan) in the north to General Santos City (South Cotabato) in Mindanao.

The 2008 Suzuki Endurance Run, which concludes in Davao City, is sponsored by Shell Advance, IRC [illegible], [illegible] and Motor Cycle Gear. The Motorcycle Philippines Federation and Philippine Suzuki Riders Club supports the 62-day run.

"Our focus for this year's event is road safety particularly for motorcycle riders. As part of the motorcycle industry it is Suzuki's social responsibility to make our roads safer for everyone—be it motorcycle riders, motorists, or pedestrians. Through these endurance runs we are conducting each year, we hope to educate more and more people, on the proper motorcycle driving techniques, road discipline and road courtesy," Kawabata said.

This educational campaign called Suzuki Safety Riding is open to all riders as the endurance run makes a stopover in big cities and municipalities.

Safe campaign

AJ Natsuko of Suzuki Philippines Ad and Promo Department said that in the past years, Suzuki has come up with a campaign called SAFE (Safe, Active, Fashionable and Easy to use), which seeks to promote every aspect that makes up the Suzuki experience.

By "Safe," Natsuko explained that a motorcycle must be able to meet the high standards of quality to make each ride safe, exciting and enjoyable.

"Active" on the other hand refers to the lifestyle that a motorcycle brings to its owner. Be that person a teen, a hobbyist or an everyday rider, Suzuki provides the dynamic power and excitement that these motorcycle riders expect," Natsuko said.

According to him, a motorcycle also needs to be "Fashionable" for its owner to be proud to own it and ride it.

Great-looking bikes

"As you may notice, all Suzuki models included in the endurance run—the Raider R 150, Raider J, Smash Revo, Shogun R+, Shogun Pro, Skydrive 125, [illegible], and the latest [illegible] 125 and [illegible] 125—are great-looking bikes," Natsuko said.

He added that a motorcycle also needs to be "easy to operate."

"Otherwise, people won't ride it. That is why the 'ease of use' in the Safe campaign refers to how convenient a Suzuki motorcycle is. Suzuki has always considered this aspect so more and more people will be not be turned off in using a motorcycle. I believe the people who will be there in each of the stop of our endurance run will attest to this," Natsuko assured.

These things will be discussed under the Safety Riding Seminar that will be conducted in the duration of the endurance run hopes not only to Suzuki motorcycle riders but also to all other motorcycle enthusiasts.

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LIFESTYLE

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De La Salle University

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Decoding the dress code

Four students weigh in on school uniform —can't live with it, can't live without it

Decoding the dress code

Dressing up the Assumption way





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Iya Villania, meanwhile, leads the preppy Japanese-inspired chips with clean, crisp and cut clap-edge, black and whites.

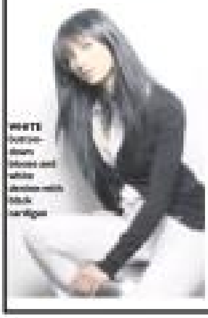
Flip the books in style by pairing your crisp white button-down hoodie blouse with dark denims and a tie to give off that polished and put-together vibe. Combine your all-white ensemble of a white button-down blouse and white denims with a black cardigan to look cool yet sophisticated. Match your black and white outfit with cool, funky accessory to round out.

Check out all Bench stores now or visit www.bench.com.ph



CRISP white button-down tuxedo blouse with dark denims and tie

PERFECT for casual days on campus: cream collared shirt and white denims from Bench



WHITE button-down blouse and white denims with black cardigan





Photo tilt winners



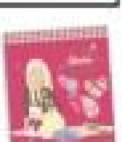
Jessie Agra

THE WINNERS OF THE NIKE-Philippine Daily Inquirer 2BU Photo shoot-out contest have been chosen. Congratulations to these soon-to-be famous photographers: Marius Ocson for his creative Aly Borromeo collage, Jerry Pernado for the amazing Jessie Agra photo collage, Jesus Herrera for his super Jimmy Alapag compilation and Ryan Fernandez for his Tricia Chiongbian masterpiece. We will be getting in touch with you soon to award you your P20,000 worth of Nike gift checks each.





Notebooks with Barbie illustrations

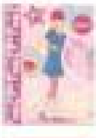


ALL-ILLUSTRATED BARBIE COVERS IN Morit notebooks, folders and binders are now available in stores in time for the school opening.

The illustrations show Barbie in various fashionable get-ups, while the notebooks come with built-in plastic cover protection.

Proudly made in the Philippines, quality Morit school supplies are earth-friendly, as 95 percent of the brand's products make use of recycled paper.

Available in National Book Store, SM and Gaisano Department Stores.













PIOLO Pascual, Angel Locsin, Gerald Anderson and Kim Chiu star in Smart Buddy's new "Me Na Me" ad campaign.

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by Angelo V. Ignacio
2bU Correspondent



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Sony Ericsson W350i



Sony Ericsson W350i in Electric Black

Sony Ericsson W380i

Sony Ericsson W890i

Buy a phone, go to Bora



LIFESTYLE



"FRIENDS" Scene It game



JOEY'S pizza

Want to be in 'Friends'?



PLAYING "Friends" with friends

How to throw a party with TV-show theme

By Pam Pastor
Photos by JB Cutjam

IT'S BEEN A FEW YEARS SINCE the "Friends" season ended, but we're still not over it. Not with DVDs piled high in our homes and the show's reruns still being aired.

After spending hours talking about Rachel, Chandler, Ross, Joey, Phoebe and Monica and laughing about our favorite "Friends" episodes, my friends and I decided to throw a special "Friends" party. We wanted to relive the time we spent with our six coffee-shopping buddies.

It was fun and it lasted all night. The best part? Preparing the party was half the fun. Here's how you can throw your own "Friends" party.

Invite friends who love the same TV show. We used Multiply.com to send out our invites—pretty easy considering most of our friends are online all the time and are very active on Multiply.

You may choose to do evite or e-mail brigade instead. Or, if you're a Monica, send out official invites that are perfectly designed and properly labeled.

Plan the menu. We planned one that would make Joey proud.

We made sure our menu included food that were highlighted in the show. Lasagna, meatball subs, pizza, cheesecake.

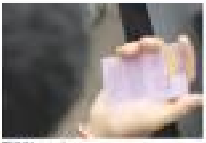
We ordered the pizza but made the rest of the food from scratch.

It helps to spot which of your friends are kitchen-savvy. We used recipes from a real "Friends" recipe book (yes, there's one), but you can find recipes for all these dishes online, too.

Plan fun activities. We screened our favorite "Friends" episodes at the party. We sang Phoebe's songs randomly. We also

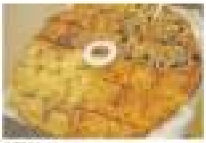
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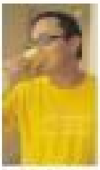


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PIZZA party



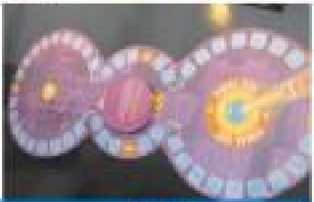
ENJOYING a sub.



LASAGNA (above) and roast sub (below)







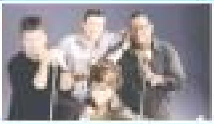
WHO knows "Friends" best? This game helps us find out.

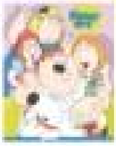
Not a fan of Friends?

Here's how you can throw other TV show-themed parties













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Planning a Party

My Party Planner

Party Planning Tips and Ideas from Ms Paperlicious

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SAM Sparro



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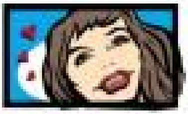
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Tokio Hotel



TOKIO Hotel

He's 24 and wants to lose his virginity—fast



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ACCESSORIES galore

Hippie hip, hooray!

This flea market brings together brands, artists and designers for the modern hippie

By [illegible]

ON JUNE 14 AND 15, THE CITY'S modern hippies will head to A. Venue Mall in Makati for a good reason—the Hippie Flea Market.

Organized by A. Venue Mall, [illegible] and Hippie [illegible] group, the flea market brings together brands, artists and designers for the modern hippie.

"We are regular bazaar participants and we feel that there's a need for a regular fair to showcase unique products of budding, up-and-coming artists and designers," said young designer [illegible].

Inspired by Europe's and San Francisco's flea markets, the Hippie Flea Market brings unique and out-of-the-way stores like [illegible] together in one place. Other participants include [illegible].

They will showcase their wares at the bazaar, everything from clothes and bags to shoes, accessories and other little trinkets.

"On those dates, A. Venue Mall will be a treasure trove of unique and exclusive finds at a fraction of the price one would pay in retail outlets," the organizers said.

There will also be a [illegible] and a mini car show of vintage cars like Mini Coopers and Volkswagen in the venue.

But just who are modern hippies? "The modern hippie promotes peace, love and happiness, rejects convention and conformity and embraces spontaneity and individuality. They are undoubtedly different, uniquely special and unquestionably cool," said [illegible].

For inquiries, call [illegible] or visit http://[illegible]



TOPS from Wheat







MONICA bag from [illegible]



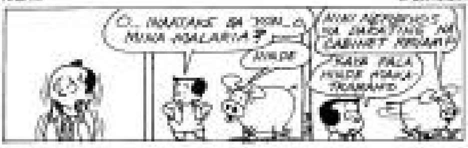
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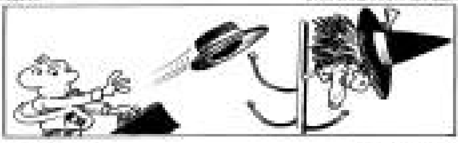
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PUGAD BABOY BY PM JUNIOR





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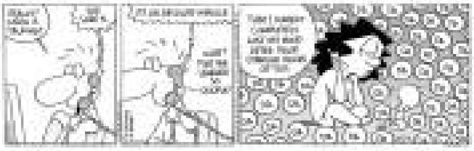


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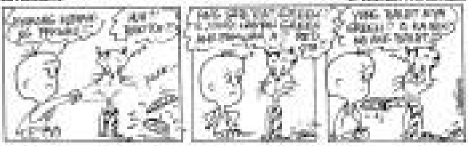
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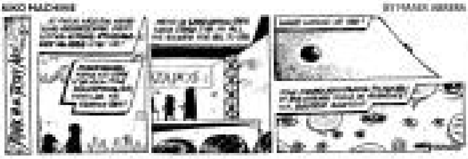


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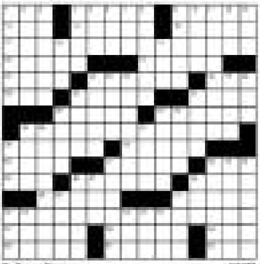




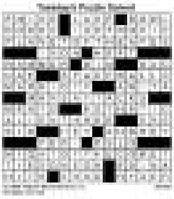
BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCES DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

5	6	4	1		2	9	7	8
1					9			
3					4			
6	2	3			8	7	5	
			6					4
			2					9
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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

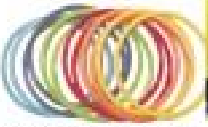


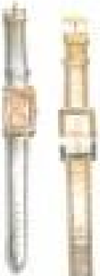




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Small business





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REEDLEY founding director Nellie Aquino-Ong

GETTING a feel



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RED CARPET SNAP From left: Presskit producer Didier Costet, Filipino actor Kristoffer King, producer Ferdinand Lapuz, screenwriter Armando Lao, actors Julio Diaz and Mercedes Cabral, director of photography Odyssey Flores, actress Jaclyn Jose, director Brillante Mendoza, and actress Gina Pareño, arrive for the premiere of their film, "Serbis," in Cannes. Top right: Jose, Pareño and Cabral blow kisses to the paparazzi.

RP actresses cited in Cannes

FILIPINO ACTRESSES GINA Pareño and Jaclyn Jose are likely contenders for the Best Actress Award in the prestigious 61st Cannes International Film Festival in southern France.

This is according to Amiens International Film Festival director Jean Pierre Garcia, who watched Dante Mendoza's "Serbis" during its world premiere on May 18.

In an interview with ABS-CBN aired on ANC, Garcia described the two actresses as "brilliant," and the film, "a metaphor for the Filipino society."

Pareño and Jose play mother and daughter in "Serbis," which tells the story of a family forced to run a porno-film house... The film is competing for the festival's Palm d'Or for Feature Film.

The movie itself got mixed notices from critics.

But in a review posted on www.web-... site, Joe Weinberg said Pareño is "formidable" in "Serbis." He also pointed out that Flor (Pareño) stood out from other characters in the film with her "civilized sense dignity."

Charismatic

According to another review in Screen Daily, Flor is the "most fascinating" member of the Pineda family. "She loses in court, but regains her elegance in the end."

"Strong charismatic women, such as ... Flor and her middle-aged daughter Nayda (Jose), do make their mark, as they frequently do in their other works, a reflection of Filipino family life," the review added.

"I felt as if I was floating," said Pareño, as she described walking on the red carpet during the movie's premiere. "Ang daming paparazzi, parang Hollywood. They kept yelling ... more than two or three cars."

Some of these photos were subsequently published in French newspapers and magazines.

"The audience gave us a standing ovation," said Pareño by phone on Monday.

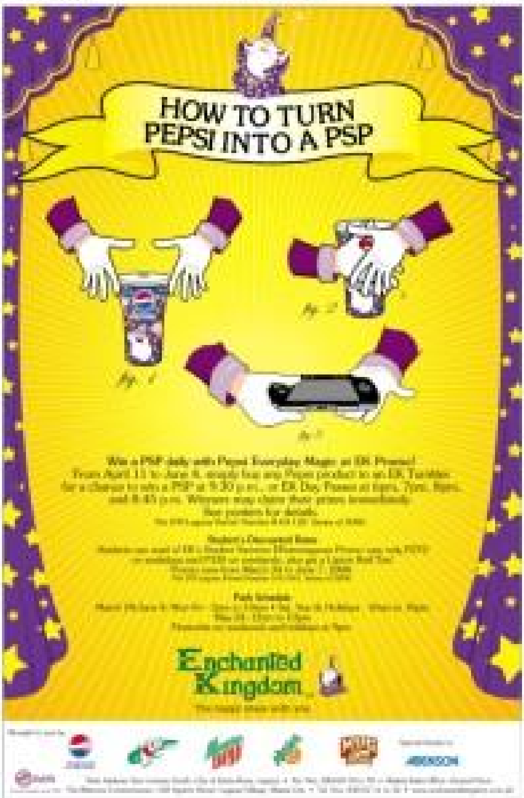
"I just had the best walk of my life. It was great. Nakakakilig," said Jose of her red-carpet walk. Both actresses wore colorful ternos by Patis Tesoro.

Jose and Pareño shared the red carpet with Mendoza, and fellow actors Mercedes Cabral, Coco Martin, Kristoffer King and Julio Diaz.

"Yesterday was a wonderful experience for all of us," said producer Rudy Lopez in a text message sent to Inquirer Entertainment on Monday. Lopez reported that rights to screen "Serbis" in some European territories have already been sold. *—Marinel Cruz and Rosario San Diego Jr.*

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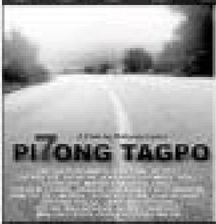
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Lea celebrates career via 2-night concert



DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal

LEA Salonga

Guess list

No network switch

Long absence

Lolit's humor

Back on track



SHARON Cuneta

No ceasefire for network war

By the Inquirer and Inquirer Entertainment staff

AND THEY THOUGHT THIS TEAM-up would end the raging network war?

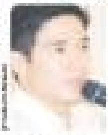
RUSHES

Failure as host

Off with their heads, hands

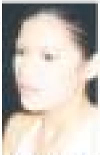
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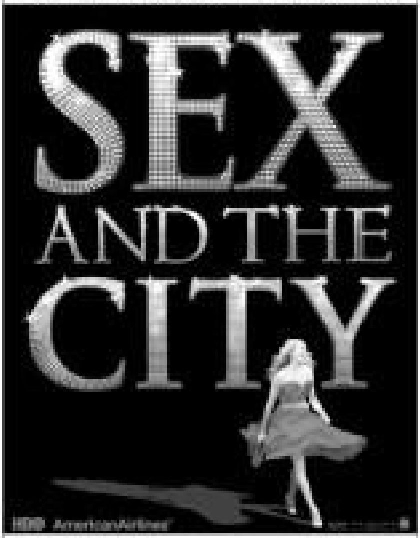


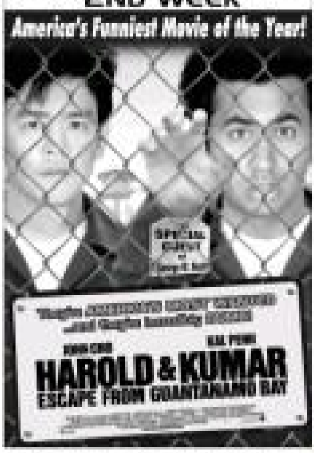
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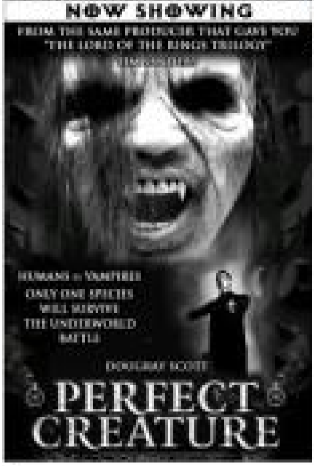
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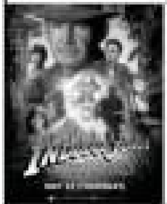


ASSUNTA de Rossi









OPENING THIS WEEK


MARVIN Madrigal and Josh Doncarnis

Sa Pagdapo ng Mariposa/Gusto Kita Too

Stars Marvin Madrigal, Josh Doncarnis/Brian Reyes, Casey Pascual

Directed by Will Fredo/Rico Arevalo

Fredo's gay opuses is doubled with Arevalo's short film. "Mariposa" tells the story of an injured athlete who develops an intimate relationship with his male nurse. Shot in the US, "Gusto" is a romantic comedy about Fil-Am pursuing true love in a "Sassy Fran"-style courtship. "Gusto" is from the same filmmaker behind "ICU Bed #7"; "Mariposa," from the same director behind "Compound." Exclusively in Robinson Galleria.

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

Stars Harrison Ford, Karen Allen, Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf, Jim Broadbent

Directed by Steven Spielberg

In the middle of the Cold War, fedora-wearing, whip-cracking archeologist Jones (Ford) ventures into the jungles of South America, to retrieve the mystical


CATE Blanchett and Harrison Ford


CASEY Pascual and Brian Reyes

Crystal Skull. It has been 19 years since the last Indy saga and Spielberg, Ford and producer George Lucas reportedly spent more than half a decade developing the fourth installment of this popular action-adventure. Considering, one comprehends that Indy 4 has its work cut out for it. "The first three movies received 13 Oscar nominations, winning 7 awards, mostly in technical categories," Joshua Tyler of CinemaBlend.com reasons. "It has an impossible legacy to live up to ... [But] bringing Indy into the new millennium should be a snap."

AT THE CINEMAS

Cinema							
GLORIETTA 1	1 IRON MAN	2 SPEED RACER	3 PERFECT CREATURE	4 JEAN PA RIN...			
GLORIETTA 4	1 WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS	2	3 SPEED RACER	4 MEGAMANIAC	5 HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY	6 IRON MAN	7 WHEN LOVE BEGINS
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MARKET! MARKET!	1 SPEED RACER	2 HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY	3 MEGAMANIAC	4 IRON MAN	5		
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AT THE MALLS

Mall	Event
Glorietta	[illegible]
Greenbelt	[illegible]
Alabang Town Center	[illegible]
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible]
Market! Market!	[illegible]
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